handloom weavers and artisans have migrated from their villages to cities in search of livelihood;

(c) if so, the reasons for adopting anti-handloom weavers and artisans policy forcing them to live their villages towards cities; and

(d) the details of corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No Sir, The policy measures recently announced by the Government for promoting and strengthening village industries including handloom sector are aimed at imparting more vitality and growth-impetus to the sector to enable it to contribute its mite fully to the economy, particularly in terms of growth of output, employment and exports.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Production and export of Sugar

236.SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a phenomenal increase in the production of sugar this year;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to increase its export ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) :(a) The production of sugar in the sugar year 1991 is estimated at 119.05 lakh MTs as against 109.89 lakh MTs in the previous sugar year.

(b) and (c). Government has released 5.25 lakh MTs of sugar for commercial and preferential quota exports during 1991-92 fiscal year.

[*Translation*]

Opening of New Branches of Banks in Deoria and Balia District of U.P.

237. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks in the rural areas of Deoria and Balia districts of Uttar Pradesh, bank-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open some new branches in the rural areas of these districts;

(c) if so, the names of the places where these branches are likely to be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Bank-wise number of branches of Public Sector Banks in rural centres of Deoria and Balia Districts of Uttar Pradesh (as on 30.6.1991) are given below:-

Name of bank	*No. of branches in District*	
	Deoria	*Balia*
1. State Bank of India	10	5
2. Allahabad Bank	2	3
3. Central Bank of India	41	14
4. Punjab National Bank	17	-
5. Union Bank of India	3	5